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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-97 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26, 56, 58-77 and 79-97 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 27-55, 57 and 78 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Receipt is acknowledged of the preliminary amendment filed October 27, 2003, which has been entered in the file.

Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 2, 24 to 26, 56, 58, 77 and 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, the phrase "selected from the group comprising of" should be replaced with - selected from the group consisting of- which is the proper Markush terminology. Also, "and" should be inserted between the last two members of the group.

In claims 1, 24, 56 and 77 "etc." should be deleted since it is not clear what else is included in the groups.

In claims 1 and 2 "Novel" is superfluous and should be deleted.

In claim 26 it is not clear what is encompassed by the phrase "other organic compounds". This phrase should be deleted.

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In claim 24 there are sections labeled (b) and (c) but there is no section labeled (a). It is not clear if a section is missing. It appears that the section labeled (b) should be (a) and (c) should be (b).

Claims 26, 27, 29, 3033, 34 and 27 are dependent on claim 24 and refer to section (a). But there is no section (a) in claim 24.

In claims 2, 25, 58 and 79 the term "includes" or "include" should be replaced by the proper Markush terminology which is -selected from the group consisting of-. Also, "and" should be inserted between the last two compounds listed.

In claim 56, it is not clear what kinds of compounds are encompassed by the phrase "and compounds thereof". This phrase should be deleted.

Claim 56 is drawn to a pharmaceutical composition but includes the phrase "comprising of administering effective dosage of..." which is a method step. It is not clear whether this is a composition claim or a method claim.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Clifford (US 2133779), cited.

The reference discloses the claimed compound wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen and n is 2. Note the compound in column 1, line 25.

Claims 1, 3 to 23, 56, 59 to 77 and 80 to 97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Albright et al. (US 4260816), cited.

The reference discloses the claimed compounds wherein R_1 and R_2 and R_3 are hydrogen, R_4 is a substituted phenyl group and n is 2 or 6. Note the first two compounds listed in Table I and Examples 3, 4, 7 and 11. The reference also discloses the claimed pharmaceutical compositions and claimed method of treating or preventing cardiovascular disorders, hyperglycemia and diabetes with the compounds. Note column 1, lines 20 to 44, column 2, lines 16 to 33 and 40 to 48, and column 4, line 9 to column 5, line 44.

Claims 27 to 55, 57 and 78 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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The references made of record and not relied upon show the state of the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fiona T. Powers whose telephone number is 571-272-0702. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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